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An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Lauren T. Emr on 6/7/10.

In claim 1 line 7 before "," – and a filter cake – has been inserted; and in line 9 "0.1" has been changed to – 5 –, and before "." – , and the pore size of the filter is greater than 50  $\mu$ m and equal to or less than 150  $\mu$ m – has been inserted.

Claims 3 and 14-16 have been canceled.

In claim 11 line 2 "CaC03" has been changed to - CaC03 -.

In claim 12 line 1 before "used" - is - has been inserted.

In the specification on page 9 line 1 "1 and 2" has been changed to - 1-3 -.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to /Peter A. Hruskoci/ whose telephone number is (571) 272-1160. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 8:00AM-5:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Duane Smith can be reached on (571) 272-1166. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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